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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant,

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Examiner

Leonard R. Leo

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on December 26, 2000 and April 11, 2001
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 10 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 8, 9, 11-13, and 15-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ 20) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 6-7 are cancelled, claims 1-5 and 8-19 are pending, claims 10 and 14 remain withdrawn.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Line 8 contains a period which signifies the end of a claim.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 11 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim 11 recites the same claim limitations as amended claim 8.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11-13 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Furukawa.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa.

Furukawa discloses all the claimed limitations except a retaining portion.

The Examiner takes Official Notice of the claimed structure being notoriously well known in the art of circuit boards. Specifically, the Examiner cites the attachment of wire leads on his personal computer disk and/or tape drive assembly (circa 1987).

Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furukawa in view of Robertson, Jr. et al.

The device of Furukawa lacks a hole portion in the second plate member.

Robertson, Jr. et al discloses an attachment assembly comprising a plate member 120 having leg portions with holes 118; and a second plate member 102 having opening portion 108

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and recessed/tongue portion 112 with holes 104 for the purpose of fixedly securing the members together.

Since Furukawa and Robertson, Jr. et al are both from the same field of endeavor and/or analogous art, the purpose disclosed by Robertson, Jr. et al would have been recognized in the pertinent art of Furukawa.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to employ Furukawa recessed/tongue portions with holes for the purpose of fixedly securing the members together as recognized by Robertson, Jr. et al.

Regarding claim 19, a blind-hole is believed to be an obvious variant of the through-holes of Robertson, Jr. et al

### ***Response to Arguments***

The rejections in view of Uemura et al and Papst et al are withdrawn.

Regarding applicants' remarks with respect to the "Claimed Invention", applicants are claiming a "fan motor," a subcombination, not in combination with an electronic component. Moreover, claim 8 and its dependents do not recite an electronic component. Therefore, any limitations drawn to an electronic component are not given any patentable weight, only to the extent of defining an "attaching surface side" of a thermally dissipating surface. As noted in the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, any arguments with respect to a "cooling hole allowing cooling air from a fan motor to pass therethrough" are moot.

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The Examiner fully understands applicants' instant invention as disclosed in the specification. While the specification fully supports the claimed subject matter, patentability is determined by what is positively claimed, not disclosed.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry of a general nature, relating to the status of this application or clerical nature (i.e. missing or incomplete references, missing or incomplete Office actions or forms) should be directed to the Technology Center 3700 Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 306-5648.

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Any inquiry concerning this Office action should be directed to Leonard R. Leo whose telephone number is (703) 308-2611.

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